

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

Claims 183 through 209 and 223 through 289 are pending, with Claims 183, 191, 199, 223, 231, 239, 250, 261, 262, 266, 269, 270, 271, 281, and 287 being independent. Claims 250 through 289 have been added.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(c)

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 250 through 289 have been copied in modified form from Claims 1 through 7, 9, 13, 15, 16, and 18 through 30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,547,187 B2 ("Foster '187") (previously-pending Claims 183 through 209 and 223 through 249 were copied in modified form from Claims 1 through 4 and 6 through 28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,209,823 ("Foster '823")), as shown by the following table:

TABLE

<u>Foster</u> '187 claims	subject application claims
1	250
2	251, 274
3	252, 275
4	253, 276
5	254, 277

Foster '187 claims	subject application claims
6	255
7	256
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18	258, 278
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18	259
16	260, 279
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18	261, 280
19	262, 281, 282, 289
20	263
21	264
22	265, 283
23	266
24	267, 284
25	268, 285
26	269
27	270, 286, 287, 288

<u>Foster '187</u> claims	subject application claims
28	271
29	272
30	273

CONCLUSION

Applicant has copied the claims from Foster '823 and Foster '187 for the purpose of provoking an interference. Support for the copied claims and the identification of a proposed count for the interference will be submitted in a separate Request for Interference which will be filed in due course. In the meantime, if the Examiner reaches this case for action prior to receipt of the Request for Interference, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned before acting on the subject application.

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